

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed 18 May 2005 has been reviewed. The notification of allowance is greatly appreciated. However, in lieu of paying the issue and publication fees, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.

Claims 12-16 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 1 is amended, and claims 2-11 remain as originally filed. Thus, claims 1-11 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

With regard to claims 12-16, these claims were cancelled by the Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of these claims, which were non-elected in response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed 5 April 2005.

Amended claim 1 recites a method for manufacturing a capacitor including "forming a nitride film on the first oxide film, whereby the impurity in the first oxide film is diffused into the interface of the first oxide film and the storage electrode." Support for this combination of features may be found in Applicants' specification as originally filed at, for example, page 9, lines 12-19.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 are patentable, and early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

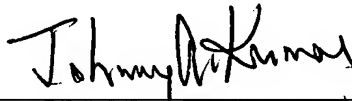
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and timely allowance of claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-1641. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

Respectfully submitted,



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